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NEWS RELEASE

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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #2

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict will open to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing for the 2012 season at 6:00 am on Friday, June 1 for a 24-hour period. Commercial fishing periods will continue on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday until further notice. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict, including both the Port Graham and English Bay sections, will remain closed to commercial salmon set gillnet fishing until further notice as a precautionary measure to protect sockeye salmon returning to English Bay lakes. These areas may open to commercial harvest when spawning escapement levels are tracking to meet the sustainable escapement goal for this system.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: In the Kamishak Bay District, all waters, with the exception of the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts, are anticipated to open at 6:00 A.M. on June 1 to commercial salmon seining seven days per week, until further notice. The McNeil and Paint River subdistricts are being closed early as a precautionary measure specifically to protect sockeye salmon returning to Mikfik Lake.

EASTERN DISTRICT: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association began cost recovery on Monday, May 21 in Resurrection Bay. To date 473 sockeye salmon have been harvested. This compares to a cumulative harvest of 10,300 fish by this date last year.

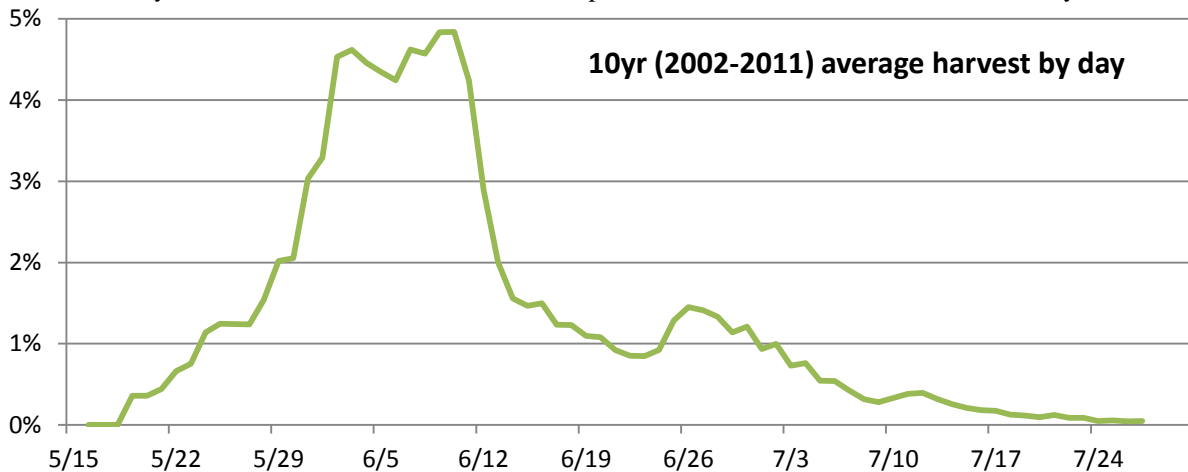


Figure 1.- Ten year average harvest by day as percent of the total season harvest of sockeye salmon returning to Resurrection Bay.

OUTER DISTRICT: Aerial surveys of the Outer District are anticipated to begin the week of June 24 – 30.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, June 1.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure that they are current.

The department encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 1-800/478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.